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- (1) oppose the policies of the SMA in Germany;
- (2) spread provocative or slanderous rumors and reports concerning the Soviet Union, its foreign and domestic politics, or its policy in regard to Germany;
- (3) give biased descriptions of the situation in the Russian Occupational Zone so as to promote dissatisfaction with measures taken by the occupation authorities;
- (4) report on the identification, composition, location, morale, political disposition, combat effectiveness, organization, strength, armament or demobilization status of the Soviet armed forces unless such data is obtained from the official releases of the SMA news bureau or the press section of the SMA Propaganda Office;
- (5) report on dismantlings, reparations deliveries, productive capacities and yields of enterprises run by the occupation troops, or the spread of epidemic diseases without the previous sanction of the Office of the Chief Censor, SMA;
- (6) describe incidents involving Soviet military personnel or Soviet citizens or report on their living habits without previous sanction of the Office of the Chief Censor, SMA.

I pledge myself to make the Soviet censor acquainted with all the more important political articles and other significant material which might be proposed for publication and which might be of prior interest to the censor.

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I am acquainted with the policies of the SMA and know the penalties
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(signature)

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